

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 5 are independent. Claims 1-8 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,550,754 to McNelley et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,802,467 to Salazar et al.

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...a switch for selectively switching, in accordance with the sensed condition of attachment between the transmission section and the reception section, between wireless transmission and non-wireless transmission when communicating said information signal from said transmission section to said reception section.” (emphasis added)

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that U.S. Patent No. 5,550,754 to McNelley et al. (hereinafter, merely “McNelley”) does not disclose a sensor section for sensing an attached condition between said transmission section and said reception section, and a switch for selectively switching in accordance with the sensed condition, between wireless transmission and non-wireless transmission.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that U.S. Patent No. 5,802,467 to Salazar et al. (hereinafter, merely “Salazar”) also fails to teach or suggest this feature. Applicant submits that Salazar discloses that sensor signals are created by sensors that can detect physical differential changes and that can convert the changes into measurements. These signals are coupled to the microprocessor for further processing, display and/or transmission. Applicant submits that such a disclosure does not teach or suggest a switch for selectively switching, in accordance with the sensed condition of attachment between the transmission section and the reception section, between wireless transmission and non-wireless transmission when communicating said information signal from said transmission section to said reception section, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claim 5, which recites similar features, is also believed to be allowable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention,

however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

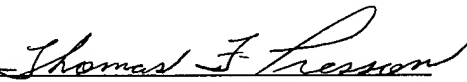
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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